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Political Developments

Haitian officials are relieved that Emmanuel Constant, former head of the now defunct rightwing Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti (FRAPH), will be kept in the United States under INS supervision following his release from detention in Maryland on 14 June, [redacted] Prime Minister Smarth asked our Ambassador for US help in ensuring that Constant is prohibited from entering the Dominican Republic where he might engage in anti-Haitian-Government activities. In a separate meeting, Foreign Minister Longchamp agreed to inform President Preval of Constant's release.

- Constant's deportation--which has been postponed for at least 120 days--would severely test the ability of the Haitian justice and penal systems to guarantee his safety and fair treatment. *If Constant returns to Haiti, he stands a good chance of being murdered in retaliation for his close association with the de facto regime and the crimes he allegedly committed or ordered as leader of FRAPH from September 1993 up to the US intervention in September 1994.* [redacted]

Security Developments

Before leaving for Europe, President Preval informed Senator Wesner Emmanuel and Deputy Alix Fils-Aime of a possible plot to assassinate them and offered to provide HNP protection, [redacted]

- [redacted] the assassination plot was sparked by the parliamentarians recent accusations that the government misused \$20 million provided by Taiwan in October 1995. Earmarked in part for a road construction project in Emmanuel's district, \$3 million of the aid money went to former president Aristide's orphanage and the rest went to cover general budgetary outlays, [redacted]

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